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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT (via John Podesta)

From: Charles F. C. Ruff, Bruce Lindsey, Mark Childress, Charles Burson, Melanize Verveer, Eldie Acheson, Sarah Wilson, and Eric Angel

Subject: Judicial Nomination Memorandum

This memorandum notifies you that we are ready to nominate the one appellate court candidate profiled below. You have already approved the selection of this candidate.

**Elena Kagan, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit**

Elena Kagan, a 39-year-old Caucasian woman, will be a Visiting Professor at Harvard Law School beginning in July 1999. Since 1997, she has served as Deputy Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy and Deputy Director of the Domestic Policy Council. Kagan received a B.A. *summa cum laude* from Princeton University (1981), a M. Phil. from Oxford University (1983), and a J.D. *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School (1986). Following law school, she clerked on the D.C. Circuit for Judge Abner Mikva (1986-87) and on the Supreme Court for Justice Thurgood Marshall (1987-88). Kagan was then an associate at Williams and Connolly (1989-91). She joined the faculty of the University of Chicago Law School as an assistant professor in 1991 and became a full professor with tenure in 1995. Kagan served as Special Counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee during the confirmation hearings of Ruth Bader Ginsburg (Summer 1993), and she was Associate Counsel to the President (1995-96). In addition, she has been a member of the Board of Governors of the Chicago Council of Lawyers and a public member of the Administrative Conference of the United States.